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Kenny Hill will lead this team and show the experts that the system Coach Sumlin has implemented can be successful in the post-Manziel era. I'm anxious to see Speedy Noil blow past someone and make an incredible play! Get those DVR's ready; whether it's a run-after-catch or a return, you will see why the new No. 2 has been creating a lot of hype. The kid can flat-out play. I can also not wait to see No. 15 Myles Garrett race around the corner. Last year's defense struggled to put pressure on the quarterback, but wait 'til this freshman gets in the game! Our sacks this year will definitely be more than last year.

Finally, I'm ready to see some RSJ! He showed a glimpse of what he can do last year before he was injured. He will cause major match-up problems, and the kid is tough to bring down once he gets into the secondary. Don't be surprised to hear his name a lot this fall.

Enjoy this issue the entire fall as we have previewed all twelve opponents. Let's watch our guys battle and do more than most experts believe we will.

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snapshot







## breaking away...

Brandon Williams battles through a slew of defenders to gain extra yards in 11-on-11 drills during fall camp. Williams was impressive during camp as one of the most improved players and should play early and often based on his reviews. Brandon is the fastest player on the team and will be tough to catch in the open field.

Photo by Rob Havens '88.



snapshot







## she shoots, she scores...

Senior Allie Bailey hits this one-timer during fall camp. She has played in 74 matches for Texas A&M and scored 49 points in her career. Don't let her 5'4" frame fool you. She is ferocious on the field and has had seven game-winning goals.

Bailey is looking forward to this season as Coach G only lost two players to graduation and has a lot of experienced, athletic winners coming back to defend their SEC titles.

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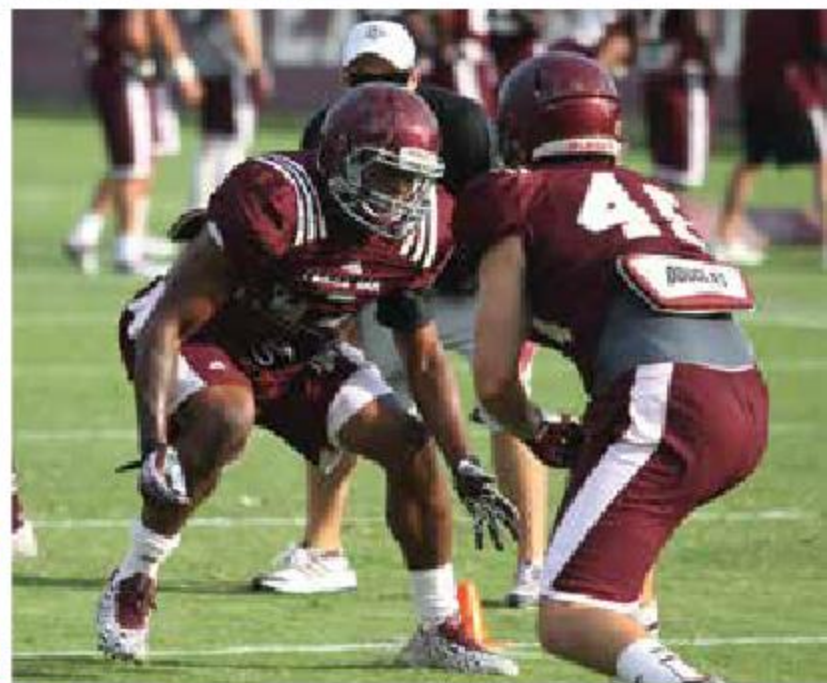




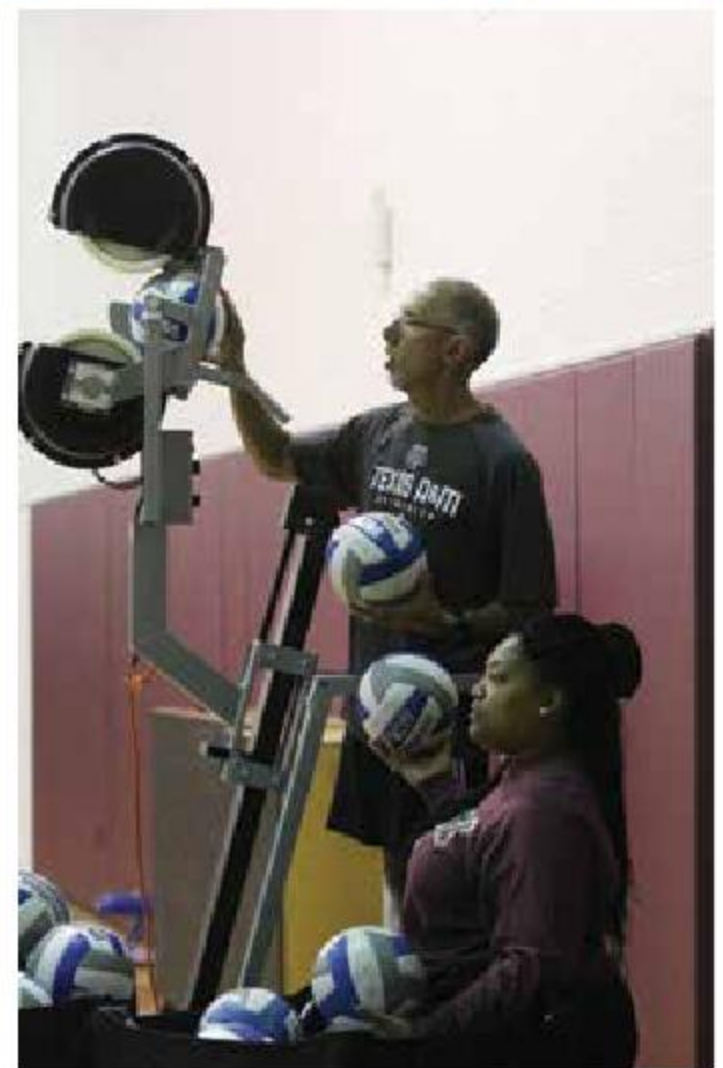














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## Quarterbacks (2)

1	Kyler Murray	Allen	6-0	185
	Committed to Texas A&M			
2	Jarrett Stidham	Stephenville	6-3	190
	Committed to Texas Tech			


## Running Backs (9)

1	Rodney Anderson	Katy	6-0	205
	Committed to Oklahoma			
2	Ronald Jones	McKinney North	6-0	185
	Committed to OSU			
3	Chris Warren	Rockwall	6-2	210
	TEX, Ark, UGA			
4	Jay Bradford	Splendora	5-10	190
	Committed to Texas A&M			
5	Corey Dauphine	PA Memorial	5-10	175
	Committed to TTU			
6	Soso Jamabo	Piano West	6-3	200
	TEX, A&M, OU			
7	Aca'Cedric Ware	Cedar Hill	6-0	200
	Committed to USC			
8	Tyreik Gray	Episcopal	5-11	180
	BU, Cal, OU			
9	Tristan Houston	North Shore	6-0	195
	Committed to Texas			


## Wide Receivers (4)

1	DaMarkus Lodge	Cedar Hill	6-2	190
	Committed to Texas A&M			
2	Kemah Siverand	Cy Ridge	6-0	185
	Committed to Texas A&M			
3	Chad President	Temple	6-2	180
	Committed to Baylor			
4	Carlos Strickland	Skyline	6-5	200
	LSU, TEX, BU			


## Linebackers (3)

1	Malik Jefferson	Poteet	6-2	210
	A&M, Bama, TEX, LSU			
2	Richard Moore	Cedar Hill	6-0	205
	Committed to Texas A&M			
3	Cameron Townsend	Ridge Point	6-0	195
	TEX, BU, OU			


## Athlete (2)

1	J.W. Ketchum	Lamar	6-0	180
	TEX, A&M, BU			
2	Louis Brown	Burton	6-6	210
	Committed to Texas			




## Tight End (1)

1	Jordan Davis	Clear Lake	6-4	240
	Committed to Texas A&M			






## Defensive Ends (1)

1	James Lockhart	Ennis	6-3	240
	Committed to Texas A&M			




## Cornerbacks (6)

1	Kendall Sheffield	FB Marshall	6-0	175
	A&M, Bama, TEX			
2	Holton Hill	Lamar	6-1	180
	TEX, A&M, BU, LSU			
3	Kris Boyd	Gilmer	6-0	175
	A&M, TEX, Bama, FSU, BU			
4	Roney Elam	Newton	6-3	170
	Committed to Texas A&M			
5	P.J. Mbanasor	Hendrickson	6-2	185
	Committed to Oklahoma			
6	Jaylon Lane	Nacogdoches	6-1	185
	Committed to OSU			

## Safeties (5)

1	Deonte Thompson	West Orange-Stark	6-2	175
	Committed to Alabama			
2	Larry Pryor	Sulphur Springs	6-2	203
	Committed to Texas A&M			
3	Justin Dunning	Whitehouse	6-4	205
	Committed to Texas A&M			
4	Deshon Elliott	Rockwall-Heath	6-1	200
	Committed to Texas			
5	Prentice McKinney	South Oak Cliff	6-2	180
	Committed to Norte Dame			

## Defensive Tackles (4)

1	Daylon Mack	Gladewater	6-1	305
	Committed to Texas A&M			
2	Darrion Daniels	Bishop Dunne	6-3	290
	BU, OU, A&M			
3	Kingsley Keke	George Ranch	6-4	290
	Committed to Texas A&M			
4	Du'Vonte Lampkin	Cy Falls	6-4	290
	Committed to Texas			

## Offensive Linemen (7)

1	Trevor Elbert	Rockwall-Heath	6-5	280
	Committed to Texas A&M			
2	Maea Teuhema	Keller	6-5	330
	Committed to LSU			
3	Bobby Evans	Allen	6-4	240
	Committed to Oklahoma			
4	Toby Weathersby	Westfield	6-4	280
	Committed to Texas			
5	Connor Lanfear	Hays	6-5	287
	Committed to Texas A&M			
6	Patrick Vahe	Eules Trinity	6-3	290
	Committed to Texas			
7	Keaton Sutherland	Marcus	6-5	260
	Committed to Texas A&M			

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# 2014 Football Preview

BY ROB HAVENS '88

There is certainly a lot of excitement about Texas A&M's '14 football season. Aggies are eager to step into the newly remodeled Kyle Field to see what it looks like in person after months of construction into phase one of the project. Fans can't wait to see what the post-Johnny Football offense looks like under the direction of a new starting quarterback. We're also anxious to see what this year's defense will look like with some new, fresh faces mixed in with returning veteran players. And what will a special teams unit that was ranked first in the SEC by pre-season pollers add to the mix?

The remodel of Kyle Field has been a huge story since the last fan exited the stadium last year and the field crew pulled up the grass. Since then, the construction lights have lit up Aggieland every night as crews have rushed to make their deadlines, working 24/7 to make sure phase one was completed by the September 6th kickoff to the home season. Pictures have been posted, drones have captured videos, and the sky view of the city has changed, bringing about an excitement and anticipation not seen around here in a long time. College football's biggest

football stadium remodel will be unveiled at that first game and fans can't wait to walk in the gates and experience it for themselves.

The competition in the spring and through fall camp for the starting quarterback position was a tight race. Kenny Hill got the nod, but it's great to know we have a backup that could have easily started as a true freshman on day one. Kyle Allen showed the skills that made him a consensus pick for the best quarterback coming out of high school last year, while sophomore Kenny Hill showed why he was such a highly touted dual-threat quarterback from Southlake Carroll. In the end, after all the situational plays in camp and a gut feeling from the coaches, Hill was named QB1 and will lead the Aggies into the post-Manziel era and start against South Carolina.

The Aggies can rely on the running game more this year with an experienced group that each offer a different set of skills that Coach Spavital can call on to move the ball down the field. Tra Carson can run you over but still has the speed to get around the edge and make big plays. Brandon Williams had a great fall camp

and showed why he was such a highly touted transfer. He is the fastest player on the team and when he gets into the open field he will be hard to catch. Trey Williams believes he is in the best shape of his life thanks to Coach Jackson and he has the speed, moves and power that can break any play into a homerun for the Aggies.

The offensive line is once again a huge asset for the Ags. Mike Matthews is the leader of the group at center and everything starts with him. Sumlin's up tempo offense relies on Matthews to get up to the ball, make the blocking calls and get the play off. The Aggies will once again tire out opposing defenses with their relentless pace. Cedric Ogbuehi moves to left tackle and looks to keep the rotation that has been established over the past few years. Start at right tackle, move to left tackle and then get drafted in the top ten picks of the NFL Draft. Jarvis Harrison, Joseph Cheek and Germain Ifedi round out the rest of the impressive line.

Malcolm Kennedy has stepped up since the spring and leads the wide receiving corps, which could be one of the best in the country. His experience



and leadership have been invaluable commodities for the entire offense, and Coach Beaty will rely on him big-time this fall. Ricky Seals-Jones returns after an injury ended his season last year. He is a match-up problem for opposing defenses and his size, speed and power will make a difference this season for the Ags.



Speedy Noil has been everything Texas A&M had hoped for after the nationally sought-after player signed on the dotted line. Don't get rid of those No. 2 jerseys yet; he will make you proud to wear them! Look for him to be a difference maker from the first play of the season. Josh Reynolds has also been impressive in camp and will be a go-to player for Hill. Look for Cam Clear at tight end to carry over his success from the Chick-fil-a Bowl and have a big season this year.

The success of this year's team, when it comes to wins and losses, will be de-

cided by the defense of the Aggies. Coach Snyder said this is the most talent and the most depth he has had to work with since arriving on campus. The offense is sure to put up points, but the Aggies will need the defense to step it up in '14 if they want to compete for a championship. The defensive line should be the strength of this year's defense. Julien Obioha, Zaycoven Henderson, Alonzo Williams and Daeshon Hall will be the starting defensive front. The good thing is that for the first time in the Sumlin era we have some depth on the line, and giving these guys the opportunity to rest during the game should make a difference in the fourth quarter.

Coach Snyder said in fall camp that the success of this year's team will fall on the shoulders of our linebackers. Jordan Mastrogiovanni has been turning heads since the spring and is anxious to make a difference at the center of the Aggie defense. Donnie Baggs and A.J. Hilliard will start at the Sam and Will linebacker spots and look to have break-out years.

Deshazor Everett returns as one of the best players on the field. He was able to stay at corner during camps and has the ability to take away that part of the field from opposing quarterbacks who might try to throw his way. Newcomer Victor Davis has earned the starting job at the other corner while Howard Matthews will return at safety. Armani Watts had a great fall camp and, because of his success, has earned the starting nod at free safety.

One of the strengths of the Aggie team is our special teams. Voted as the number one unit in the conference, this group of young men will make a difference this year, starting with All American punter Drew Kaser, who finished last year as one of three finalists for the Ray Guy Award. If given the opportunity, he can launch the ball 70-plus yards. At kicker, Josh Lambo returns to kick field goals and was very consistent for the Aggies last year. Taylor Bertolet had a great fall camp and will handle kickoffs. Trey Williams and Speedy Noil will handle kickoff returns

and punt returns, and both are capable of taking it to the house every time they touch the ball. Alex Freeman returns for his senior campaign as the long snapper.

It is sure to be an exciting year for Texas A&M football, with a new stadium, new quarterback, revamped defense with fresh faces, and tons of speed and athleticism. Coach Sumlin and his staff's recruiting efforts will definitely make a difference this year as we see more depth and athletic ability across the board. The Aggie schedule has been ranked as the fourth toughest in the nation. The Aggies have the potential to have an amazing year and it should be a lot of fun to watch!



#### 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/28/14	@ South Carolina
09/06/14	vs. Lamar
09/13/14	vs. Rice
09/20/14	@ SMU
09/27/14	@ Arkansas
10/04/14	@ Mississippi State
10/11/14	vs. Ole Miss
10/18/14	@ Alabama
11/01/14	vs. ULM
11/08/14	@ Auburn
11/15/14	vs. Missouri
11/27/14	vs. LSU

#### 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	9-4
Conference	4-4
Home	6-2
Away	2-2
Neutral	1-0







## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/28/14	vs. Texas A&M
09/06/14	vs. East Carolina
09/13/14	vs. Georgia
09/20/14	@ Vanderbilt
09/27/14	vs. Missouri
10/04/14	@ Kentucky
10/18/14	vs. Furman
10/25/14	@ Auburn
11/01/14	vs. Tennessee
11/15/14	@ Florida
11/22/14	vs. South Alabama
11/29/14	@ Clemson

The Gamecocks went 11-2 last season with a big win over Wisconsin in the Capitol One Bowl to wrap up the year. They look to replace Connor Shaw at quarterback with Dylan Thompson, who takes the helm behind a veteran offensive line. The Cocks return four of five starters from last year's offensive line, including All American candidate A.J. Cann. 6'6", 242-lb. junior tight-end Jerrell Adams looks to be a break-out player this season, using his size and speed which will cause major match-up problems for opposing defenses. Running back Mike Davis is poised to have another great season for USC, and Spurrier will lean on him for offensive production from the backfield. On the defensive side of the ball, returning starter J.T. Surratt will anchor the defensive line. Look for newcomers Abu Lamin at defensive tackle, Bryson Allen-Williams at linebacker, and Al Harris, Jr. and Chris Lammons on the corners to make an immediate impact. Coach Spurrier believes he finally has the talent and the schedule to win the SEC Championship but Georgia will be a key game in the East for his team to get to Atlanta.



## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	11-2
Conference	6-2
Home	7-0
Away	3-2
Neutral	1-0

SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS

There is a lot of excitement surrounding the 2014 season as the Lamar Cardinals return eight offensive starters from an offense that helped them set or tie nearly fifty team and individual records last season. Led by senior quarterback Caleb Berry, who recorded the best single-season performance in school history last season, the Cardinals may field their deepest team since resurrecting the program for the 2010 season. Although the defense will look to replace nine starters from last season, former Southland Conference Newcomer of the Year, receiver Kevin Johnson, has made the switch to safety and is expected to have a big year. Johnson enters his final season having already been named to several national award watch lists and is a 2014 pre-season All-American.



## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	5-7
Conference	2-5
Home	4-2
Away	1-5
Neutral	0-0



## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/30/14	vs. Grambling State
09/06/14	@ Texas A&M
09/13/14	vs. Texas College
09/20/14	vs. Mississippi College
09/27/14	vs. Sam Houston State
10/04/14	@ Abilene Christian
10/11/14	vs. Southeastern Louisiana
10/18/14	@ Nicholls
11/01/14	vs. Houston Baptist
11/08/14	@ Central Arkansas
11/15/14	vs. Incarnate Word
11/22/14	@ McNeese State

LAMAR ATHLETICS





## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/30/14	@ Norte Dame
09/13/14	@ <b>Texas A&amp;M</b>
09/20/14	vs. Old Dominion
09/27/14	@ Southern Miss
10/04/14	vs. Hawaii
10/11/14	@ Army
10/25/14	vs. North Texas
11/01/14	@ FIU
11/08/14	vs. UTSA
11/15/14	@ Marshall
11/21/14	vs. UTEP
11/29/14	@ Louisiana Tech



## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	10-4
Conference	7-1
Home	6-1
Away	4-2
Neutral	0-1

The SMU Mustangs have reached the post-season in four of the last five seasons and look to return to bowl action in 2014. The Mustangs are led by three players on national watch lists: wide receiver Darius Joseph (Biletnikoff Award), center Taylor Lasecki (Rimington Trophy), and linebacker Stephon Sanders (Butkus Award). Joseph, a junior, hauled in 103 catches last season, good for second-most in program history and tenth in the NCAA. Lasecki, also a junior, has started every game since his freshman season in Dallas and is on the Rimington watch list for the second consecutive season. Sanders registered 13.5 tackles for loss to lead the team in 2013. Head coach June Jones has led SMU to three bowl wins in his six seasons in Dallas and has recorded thirty-five wins over the last five seasons, good for the second-most over a five-year span in school history. In total, SMU returns thirteen starters, including eight on the defensive side of the ball.



## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/31/14	@ Baylor
09/06/14	@ North Texas
09/20/14	<b>vs. Texas A&amp;M</b>
09/27/14	vs. TCU
10/04/14	@ East Carolina
10/18/14	vs. Cincinnati
10/25/14	vs. Memphis
11/08/14	@ Tulsa
11/15/14	vs. USF
11/22/14	@ UCF
11/28/14	vs. Houston
12/06/14	@ Connecticut

## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	5-7
Conference	4-4
Home	3-3
Away	2-4
Neutral	0-0







## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/30/14	@ Auburn
09/06/14	vs. Nicholls State
09/13/14	@ Texas Tech
09/20/14	vs. N. Illinois
09/27/14	<b>vs. Texas A&amp;M</b>
10/11/14	vs. Alabama
10/18/14	vs. Georgia
10/25/14	vs. UAB
11/01/14	@ Mississippi State
11/15/14	vs. LSU
11/22/14	vs. Ole Miss
11/28/14	@ Missouri

Offensively, the Razorbacks are led by a trio of running backs. Alex Collins and Jonathan Williams became just the second pair of Razorbacks in program history to rush for at least 900 yards in a season. The sophomore Collins ran for 1,026 yards en route to being named SEC Freshman of the Year and earning Freshman All-American and SEC All-Freshman Team honors. Sophomore Korliss Marshall also provided a spark last season as he averaged 8.6 yards per carry and was electric out of the backfield in spring and fall practices. Junior Brandon Allen enters his second season as the starting quarterback after passing for over 1,500 yards and thirteen touchdowns in eleven games last season. Overall, the offense is set to bring back seven starters from last season.

Defensively, Arkansas is led by senior captain Trey Flowers, who earned a spot on the 2013 second-team All-SEC team after finishing with 44 tackles, 13.5 for losses, and 5 sacks. The Razorbacks return plenty of starters in the defensive backfield, led by senior captain Alan Turner, who has made fourteen career starts. Junior Rohan Gaines also returns after starting five games last season. Will Hines, Tevin Mitchel, D.J. Dean, Jared Collins and Carroll Washington all started at least two games last season. Arkansas also brings a different look this season behind new defensive coordinator Robb Smith's aggressive schemes.



## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	3-9
Conference	0-8
Home	3-4
Away	0-5
Neutral	0-0

Returning nearly all of their two-deep from a year ago on both sides of the ball, and following three consecutive wins to finish the season, expectations have risen in Starkville for Mississippi State.

The Bulldogs finished the regular season with two overtime wins, including the first extra-time Egg Bowl in the history of the rivalry, and capped off their year with a multiple-record-breaking blowout of Rice in the Liberty Bowl on New Year's Eve.

Now, with junior quarterback Dak Prescott finally comfortable in the starting role and junior linebacker Benardrick McKinney considered to be one of the best at his position in the nation, MSU has gone from young and inexperienced to veteran and battle-tested, along with a few household names.

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## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/30/14	vs. Southern Miss
09/06/14	vs. UAB
09/13/14	@ South Alabama
09/20/14	@ LSU
10/04/14	<b>vs. Texas A&amp;M</b>
10/11/14	vs. Auburn
10/25/14	@ Kentucky
11/01/14	vs. Arkansas
11/08/14	vs. Tennessee-Martin
11/15/14	@ Alabama
11/22/14	vs. Vanderbilt
11/29/14	@ Ole Miss

## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	7-6
Conference	3-5
Home	5-2
Away	1-3
Neutral	1-1





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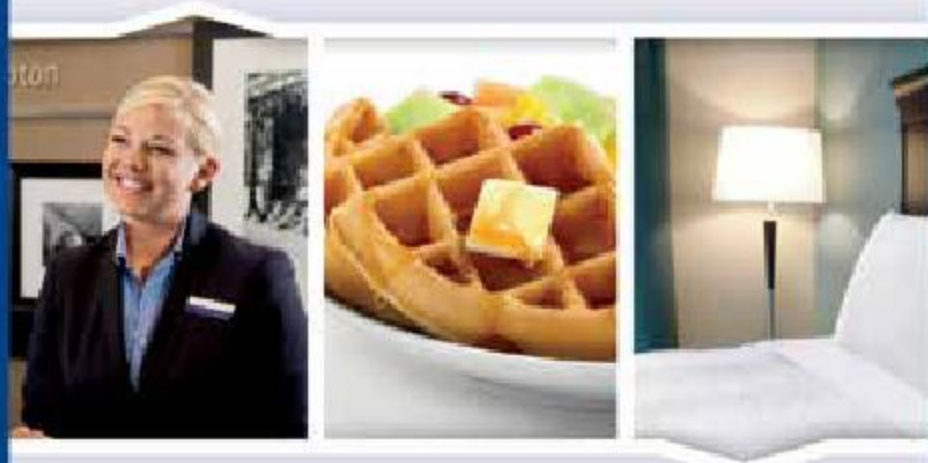
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# Ole Miss

## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/28/14	vs. Boise State
09/06/14	@ Vanderbilt
09/13/14	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
09/27/14	vs. Memphis
10/04/14	vs. Alabama
10/11/14	@ Texas A&M
10/18/14	vs. Tennessee
10/25/14	@ LSU
11/01/14	vs. Auburn
11/08/14	vs. Presbyterian
11/22/14	@ Arkansas
11/29/14	vs. Mississippi State

Ole Miss Football is a program on the rise under third-year head coach Hugh Freeze. Inheriting a team that won just two games in 2011 and had lost 14 straight Southeastern Conference games, Freeze has led the Rebels to 15 wins in his first two years, including back-to-back bowl wins. The team returns nine starters on defense and six on offense from last year's team that went 8-5 and won the Music City Bowl 25-17 over Georgia Tech. The Rebels' D is anchored by preseason All-Americans Cody Prewitt at free safety and Robert Nkemdiche at defensive tackle, with plenty of veterans around them that look to put major pressure on SEC offenses this fall. The offense is directed by the SEC's top returning passer in Bo Wallace, a three-year starter and two-time bowl MVP. He could break numerous school records this season, especially with the help of preseason All-American wide receiver Laquon Treadwell, tight end Evan Engram and offensive tackle Laremy Tunsil.



## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	8-5
Conference	3-5
Home	5-2
Away	2-3
Neutral	1-0

Alabama looks to rebound from the 2013 season that fell short of the team's and fans' expectations and once again compete for another National Championship. After a heartbreaking loss in the Iron Bowl and a beat-down vs. Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl, the Tide is prepared to wipe away those memories with a stellar 2014 season. Bama will have a new starting quarterback after the graduation of A.J. McCarron, and the battle continues in camp between Blake Sims and Jacob Coker. Whomever wins the job will benefit from having one of the best wide receiving corps and backfields in the country. Wide receiver Amari Cooper leads the talented group while T.J. Yeldon heads a stellar running back crew that will give new offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin plenty of options to move the Crimson Tide offense down the field. On the other side of the ball, Coach Saban has the best defensive line he has had since arriving in Tuscaloosa. A'Shawn Robinson, Jarran Reed, DJ Pettway, Davlin Tomlinson and Jonathan Allen comprise one of the deepest and most talented groups in the nation. Behind them, Xzavier Dickson, Trey DePriest and Ryan Anderson are a solid group of linebackers that make up one of the strongest units on the team. Alabama will be motivated to show that last year's season was a fluke and that they are pre-season favorites once again to win the SEC.



## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	11-2
Conference	7-1
Home	7-0
Away	3-1
Neutral	1-1



## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/30/14	vs. West Virginia
09/06/14	vs. Florida Atlantic
09/13/14	vs. Southern Miss
09/20/14	vs. Florida
10/04/14	@ Ole Miss
10/11/14	@ Arkansas
10/18/14	vs. Texas A&M
10/25/14	@ Tennessee
11/08/14	@ LSU
11/15/14	vs. Mississippi State
11/22/14	vs. Western Carolina
11/29/14	vs. Auburn





### 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/28/14	vs. Wake Forest
09/06/14	vs. Idaho
09/13/14	@ LSU
09/27/14	vs. Troy
10/04/14	@ Arkansas State
10/11/14	@ Kentucky
10/25/14	vs. Texas State
11/01/14	@ <b>Texas A&amp;M</b>
11/08/14	@ Appalachian State
11/15/14	vs. UL-Lafayette
11/22/14	@ New Mexico State
11/29/14	@ Georgia Southern

In 2013, the Warhawks reached bowl eligibility for the second consecutive season, and along the way they picked up wins over ACC member Wake Forest and in-state rival Louisiana-Lafayette. On the offensive side of the ball, the Warhawks will have a new signal-caller under center as four-year starter Kolton Browning has moved on. ULM has plenty of experience and confidence on the offensive line as well as at the RB, WR and TE positions. On defense, ULM welcomes back eight starters in the 3-3-5 scheme. The defensive group is one that can really run and that will be key when facing spread offenses. ULM will again look to Justin Manton to handle all kicking duties (PAT/FG, kickoffs and punting). The senior helped ULM flip the field numerous times last season as he ranked fourth nationally with a 45.8-yard per punt average.



### 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	6-6
Conference	4-3
Home	2-3
Away	4-3
Neutral	0-0

Gus Malzahn led the Auburn Tigers to a miracle season in 2013. With two incredible finishes and a huge win against Alabama, the Tigers came up just short of a perfect ending as they were defeated by the Seminoles in the final game. This year's team will have a huge target on its back and will not be sneaking up on anyone. Nick Marshall returns as the starting quarterback for the second year and will bring experience and playmaking ability to their high powered offense. The Tigers lost Tre Mason to the NFL but bring back Cameron Artis-Payne and Corey Grant to fill his position in the backfield. On the other side, the defensive line will look different as Gabe Wright and Montravius Adams

will be called on to anchor the new D-Line. Auburn brings back a wealth of experience from last year's defense including senior cornerback Jonathon Mincy, who has a chance to be all-SEC. The Tigers should be better than last year, but with a tougher schedule, including eastern opponents Georgia and South Carolina, they will have their work cut out for them to repeat as SEC Champs.



### 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/30/14	vs. Arkansas
09/06/14	vs. San Jose State
09/18/14	@ Kansas State
09/27/14	vs. Louisiana Tech
10/04/14	vs. LSU
10/11/14	@ Mississippi State
10/25/14	vs. South Carolina
11/01/14	@ Ole Miss
11/08/14	<b>vs. Texas A&amp;M</b>
11/15/14	@ Georgia
11/22/14	vs. Samford
11/29/14	@ Alabama

### 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	12-2
Conference	8-1
Home	8-0
Away	3-1
Neutral	1-1





## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/30/14	vs. South Dakota St.
09/06/14	@ Toledo
09/13/14	vs. Central Florida
09/20/14	vs. Indiana
09/27/14	@ South Carolina
10/11/14	vs. Georgia
10/18/14	@ Florida
10/25/14	vs. Vanderbilt
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11/22/14	@ Tennessee
11/28/14	vs. Arkansas

Missouri had an unexpected amazing season last year, making it all the way to the SEC Championship game in Atlanta. Second year quarterback Maty Mauk, who started for injured James Franklin, will again be the man guiding the Tiger offense. Unfortunately for MU, they lost their three best pass receivers and will be relying on some youthful athletic replacements to fill those holes. Mauk is a big play guy and the team hopes he can step up once again and fire up the Tiger offense with some new wide receivers. On defense, the Tigers lost both of their defensive ends that lead the conference in pass rushing. They will look to Markus Golden to fill their shoes. Missouri's secondary was ninety-eighth in the country last year, so Pinkel will need some newcomers to make a difference in the secondary this season. The team has plenty of speed and athleticism, so we will see who steps up on both sides of the ball to make a difference this year. The Tigers hope to stay healthy early and gain some success in their first four non-conference games before facing South Carolina, which could decide if they will get a return trip to Atlanta this year.



## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	13-2
Conference	7-1
Home	7-1
Away	5-0
Neutral	1-1

In 2013 the LSU Tigers went 10-3 and finished the season beating Iowa 21-14 in the Outback Bowl. The Tigers lost starting quarterback Zach Mettenberger to the NFL, and the competition between Brandon Harris and Anthony Jennings has been going on since the spring. Dual-threat Harris will be tough to beat, but both players have shown promise in their camps. In the backfield, the Tigers are excited to welcome Leonard Fournette, who was the nation's number one overall prospect and has generated a lot of hype since signing with LSU. Expect him to get touches early and often. LSU lost some talented players on the defensive line in Ego Ferguson and Anthony Johnson. Returners Danielle Hunter and Jermauria Rasco will anchor the new D-Line for the Tigers. LSU has won at least ten games four years in a row. They get hammered by the NFL draft every year, but they always seem to reload. You can't count out this team to compete for the SEC Championship. The difference in a good season and a great season is likely to come down to the play of the new quarterback and how the offense will gel without Mettenberger.



## 2013-2014 RECORD

Overall	10-3
Conference	5-3
Home	7-0
Away	1-3
Neutral	2-0



## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/30/14	@ Wisconsin
09/06/14	vs. Sam Houston St.
09/13/14	vs. UL-Monroe
09/20/14	vs. Mississippi St.
09/27/14	vs. New Mexico St.
10/04/14	@ Auburn
10/11/14	@ Florida
10/18/14	vs. Kentucky
10/25/14	vs. Ole Miss
11/08/14	vs. Alabama
11/15/14	@ Arkansas
11/27/14	@ <b>Texas A&amp;M</b>

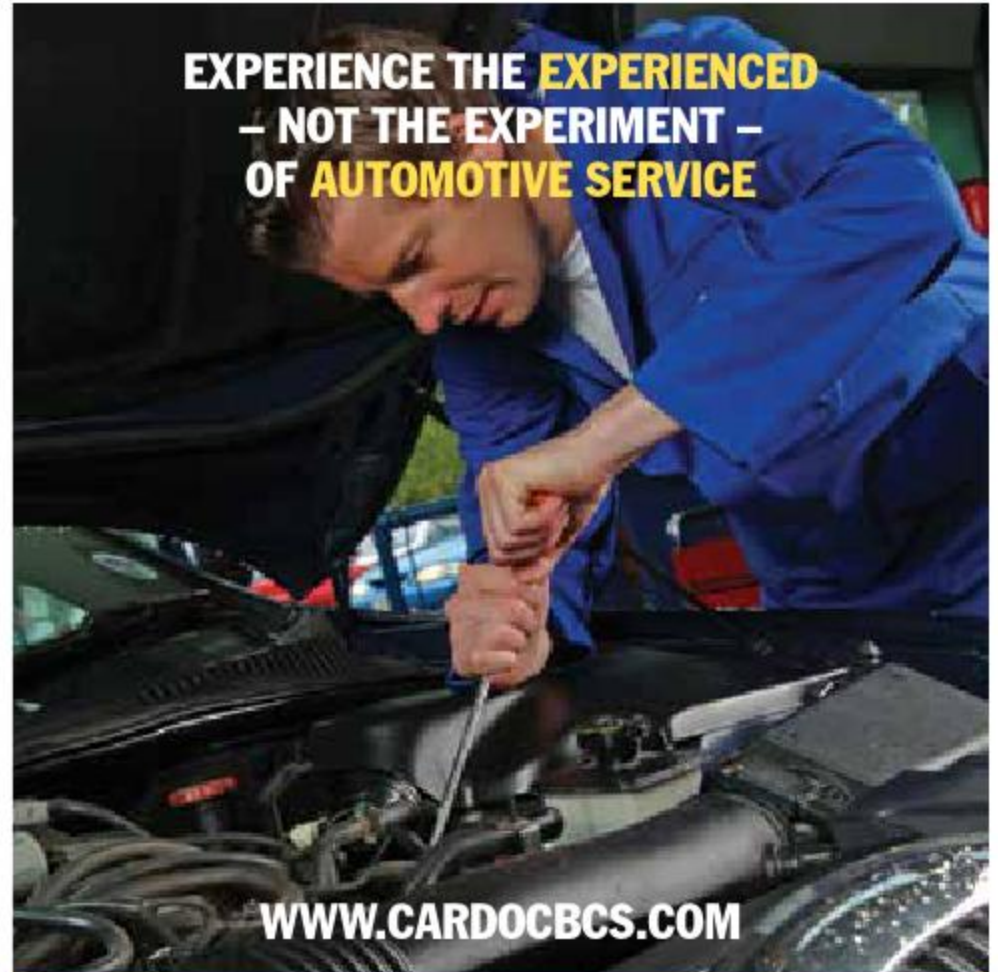




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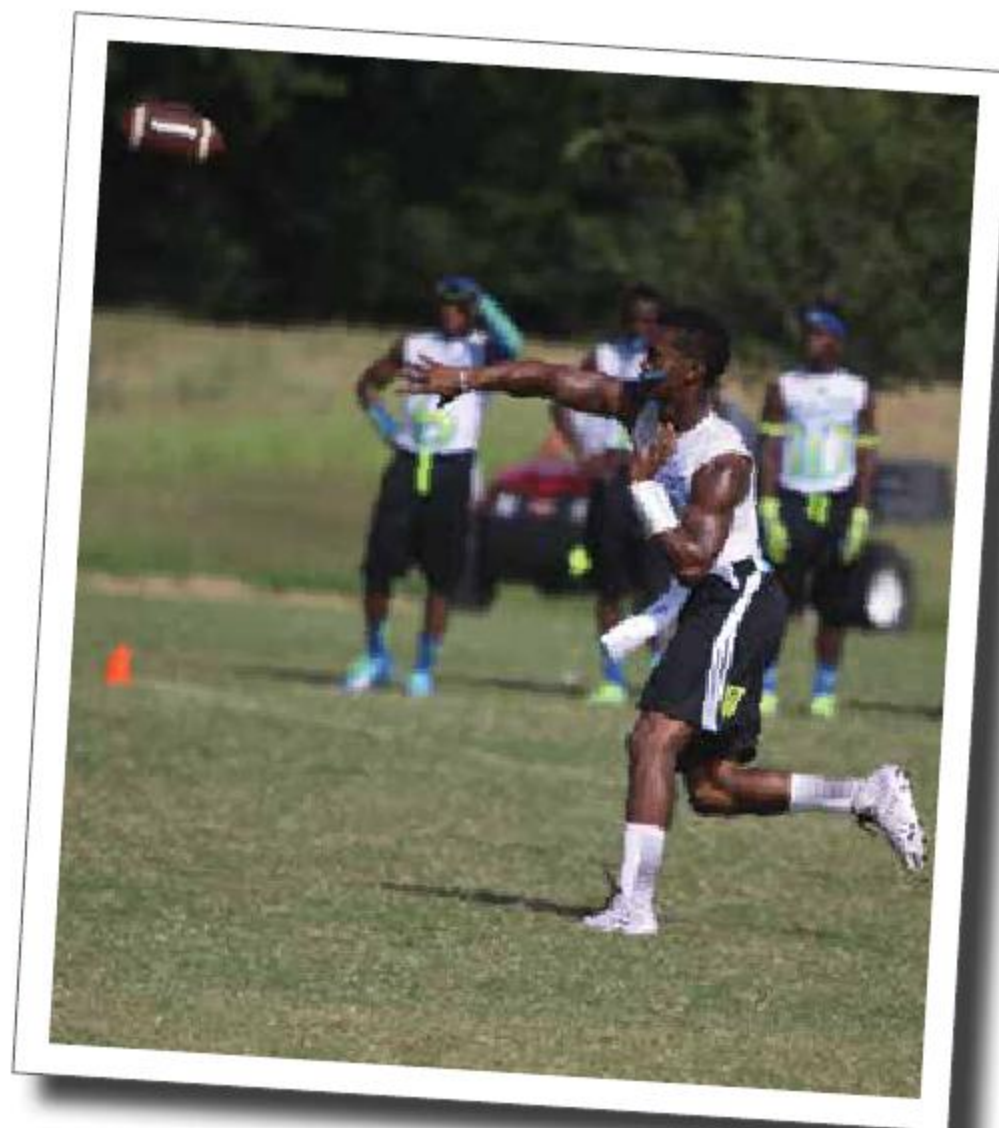
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He is 27-0 as a starting quarterback and this fall will attempt to be the first quarterback to ever lead his team to three straight state championships, which has never been done in the largest classification of the state. Murray has thrown for 5,673 yards and rushed for another 2,644 yards in the last two years, with combined 107 touchdowns on the ground and through the air.



In last year's state championship game, Kyler led his team back from a 15-point deficit with only 8:35 left in the game to beat Desoto 42-35. His high school coach said, "He's the closest thing I've ever had—from a player—that you can talk to as if he's a coach on the sidelines." Kyler expects to win every time he steps on the field. That confidence in his own ability was instrumental in his decision to commit to the Aggies, even though he knew Kenny Hill and Kyle Allen were already here.

I had the pleasure of watching Kyler for the first time in person during the 7-on-7 state championships here in College Station. He throws a beautiful ball and his accuracy is amazing. Typically in 7-on-7 the quarterback, who has to get rid of the ball in four seconds, by rule, can make one or two reads before releasing the football. Kyler was able to survey the entire field and then make an accurate throw right on target in a split second. I saw him lead his team from behind with four deep balls in a row, putting the ball exactly where it had to be. He is truly something special, YESSIR!



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## COACH SUMLIN

"We're anxious to get things kicked off just like you guys are. We've had a really competitive and productive fall camp. Little different vibe because it's the first time in a long time we've gotten going so early—school's not in session—so it's really been about training football. Usually the week of the first game, the last couple seasons, school has started. That's not the case this year because of playing early, so that's a bit of a benefit for us to get some young guys ready to play a quality opponent and go on the road. It's given us the opportunity as a team to be together with less people on campus, keep them focused on what we're trying to do. It doesn't need to be overkill, but it's been unique. We've done some things differently as far as meeting time and camp schedule."

### On the depth chart...

"We've got a lot of competition across the board. I know the depth chart was released this morning; you guys know me—that's a fluid situation. Wait to see who runs out there in Columbia. We're going to rotate guys on the defensive line, there are young guys who are going to play and that gives us depth; our running back situation—does it matter who runs out on the first snap? They're going to play. A bunch of receivers are going to play. That's basically a list of who's going to get into the game."

### On playing on the road the first game...

"Most guys would rather play at home in their first game. Whether it's a top-

ten opponent or an FCS opponent, preparation is preparation. The way we do things is, we worry about us. We try to focus on us more than we focus on the opponent in our preparation and level of performance. The challenging part in this deal, with a number of young players, is not knowing how they're going to react in a hostile environment. That's hard to duplicate."



## COACH SNYDER

### On changes in the defense...

"A bunch of the freshmen are going to play. We're looking at probably seven guys that have a chance to see the field on this side of the ball, all true freshmen. We'll do our best as we sub and get them in to make sure they're in next to an older guy, a bit like we did with Julien and De'Vante two years ago. These guys won't go in unless an older guy is beside them. We didn't have that luxury last year, we just had to play them all together."

### On Victor Davis playing corner...

"The one thing you'll see about Victor (Davis) this year is that he has no pulse. It's a beautiful thing to have at corner. He has a short memory and he doesn't panic. He doesn't throw his arms up. It's almost like he doesn't have a pulse. Sometimes that's good, sometimes that's bad. On deep balls, it's a good thing. He's got a ways to go (on tackling), needs to get bigger and stronger to go against a guy like we're going to face."

### On Jordan Mastrogiovanni...

"(Mastrogiovanni) is still in the growing

process. We talk every day about him being the coordinator on the field. That comes as you play a lot. That's one of those positions you have to play to learn. That's why we've got Justin Bass backing him up. He learned under Sean and Stew, and he knows the defense. But I've been pleased with Jordan."



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### On Kenny Hill...

"You've seen (Hill) play already. He's been in four games and has that game experience. The experience of being here and watching how we do offensively and seeing Johnny play has helped him. He's seen more than Kyle (Allen) has, and that was important. He's our guy and we're putting all our eggs in that basket."

### On Malcolm Kennedy...

"Malcome stays consistent on a daily basis. He's been the one guy that has made plays in many games and is the vocal leader of our team and our offense. He's a person these quarterbacks look to in times of need, and they can rely on him making the consistent catch."

### On Ricky Seals-Jones...

"Ricky's had a great fall camp. Going through spring ball, he was a little rusty; still not a hundred percent healthy, but he's been moving around with a great sense of urgency, and he'll be a big target like Mike. Those (tall) guys are more comfortable for quarterbacks because they don't have to be as accurate with the ball."





Weight & Fitness Room (Cardio Area)



Additional Gym



Weight & Fitness Room (Movement Area)



Heavy Bag Room

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Multi-Purpose Fitness Room



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# Rec Center *Renovation*

*with Rick Hall*

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I sat down with Senior Associate Director Rick Hall from Texas A&M Rec Sports to find out about the ongoing expansion and renovation of the Student Recreation Center and what students can expect. Rick said, "When we opened this Rec Center in 1995, student enrollment at A&M was in the 40,000 range and the facility was one of the largest in the country. However, we were immediately packed, and we realized very soon after opening that we weren't as big as we needed to be." Now, almost twenty years later and with the notes that were taken to pay for the original construction close to being paid off, renovations can be made without burdening students with the costs. The entire \$54 million project is being funded without raising the Rec Sports fee!

In addition to adding more space, it was determined that other upgrades needed to be completed as well. For example, the roof needs to be replaced, and the Natatorium is in dire need of mechanical updates based on the atmosphere and corrosion caused by everyday use over twenty years. After existing needs had been evaluated, plans were made to combine the projects. The end result will be 113,000 square feet of new construction and 56,000 square feet of renovation. Construction began in the spring of 2014 and will be mostly complete by mid-fall of 2015.

**Following are some improvements that will be made.**

The current 14,000-square-foot Weight and Fitness Room will be expanded to 30,000 square feet. It will include a new personal training area, 10,000 square feet

dedicated to free weights, and another 10,000 square feet for cardio equipment (treadmills, elliptical machines, etc.). All cardio equipment will include a personal viewing screen that allows users to watch TV while working out. TV screens will also be located throughout the strength and conditioning area for others who are using weight training machines or free weights. A 1,000-square-foot space with synthetic turf will be added for patrons who wish to use equipment such as battle ropes and medicine balls for agility and speed work, plyometrics, and core strengthening exercises.

A new gymnasium that houses two full-sized, high school regulation basketball courts will be added, giving patrons additional space for activities such as indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball and badminton.

A 4,000-square-foot room that will be used for aerobic activity classes and meeting space will be added, taking the place of the current Garden Room that is transitioning into a combative/heavy bag room. The new combative room will be equipped with speed bags, ropes and heavy bags for a great boxing workout. It can also be used for activities such as wrestling and judo.

A 6,000-square-foot, multi-activity room is being added for use by student organizations and other groups to hold various activities and events. The room will accommodate up to two hundred people and can be divided into two 3,000-square-foot rooms, if needed.

A new 8-lane, 25-meter indoor lap pool will be built, giving Rec members another pool to swim in when the Aggies

and other local teams host swimming and diving meets in the facility. In addition to the new pool, the Natatorium will be completely renovated. Improvements include retrofitting of all mechanical equipment, the addition of a powerful dehumidification system, and cosmetic upgrades such as new deck tile, paint, lighting and bleachers.

An additional entrance will be added on the south side of the building, allowing for easier access to the facilities. An outdoor plaza with shaded areas, seating, and even an outdoor kitchen will be added above the expanded Weight and Fitness Room and is sure to be a popular hangout for students.

As mentioned before, the Rec will be getting a much-needed, brand-new roof, as well as a complete lighting retrofit, making it much more energy efficient. Every light in the facility will be either LED or energy-efficient fluorescents.

Hall stated, "We consider Texas A&M to be the best, and we believe our Rec Center will be one of the finest in the nation." At a cost of \$54 million, with \$45 million budgeted for construction and the rest for equipment and other needs, it's obvious that Texas A&M is devoted to providing our students with the best!



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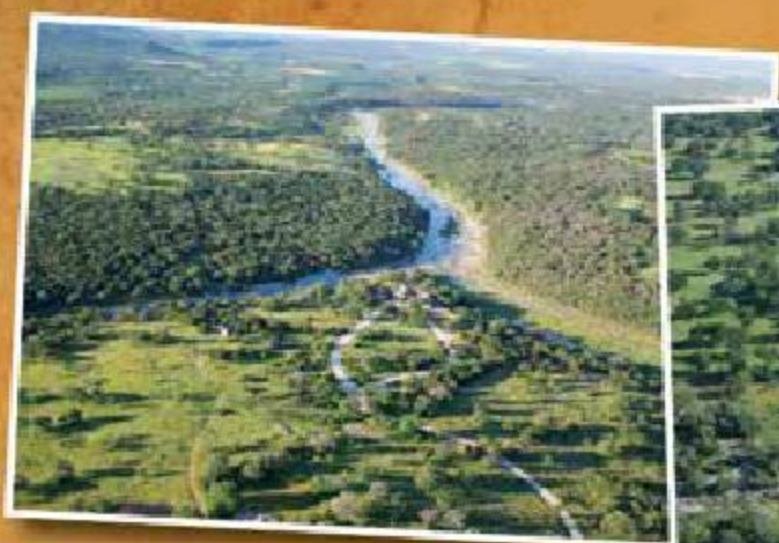


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